

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JI HYE CHOI,

Plaintiff,

-against-

YEOUNG SOO KIM,

Defendant.

24-cv-6526 (JGK)

ORDER

JOHN G. KOELTL, District Judge:

As stated in Standing Order M10-468, ECF No. 3, parties may consent to electronic service to receive notifications of court filings by email, rather than relying on regular mail delivery. The plaintiff has provided such consent in this case. ECF No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 4(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, "[t]he plaintiff is responsible for having the summons and complaint served" on the defendant "within the time allowed by Rule 4(m)." Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(1). Therefore, the Clerk sent a summons and complaint to the plaintiff so that the plaintiff can serve the documents on the defendant. Rule 4(m) provides the plaintiff with 90 days to serve a defendant. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). In appropriate cases, Rule 4(f) displaces Rule 4(m) and sets forth procedures for serving an individual in a foreign country. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f).

On November 18, 2024, the time for the plaintiff to serve the summons and complaint on the defendant was extended to

**February 6, 2025.** ECF No. 10. As stated in the previous Order, id., if the plaintiff fails serve the defendant by **February 6, 2025**, this case may be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute.

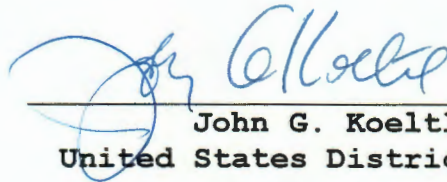
The Court notes that there is a Pro Se Law Clinic available to assist self-represented parties in civil cases. The Clinic may be able to provide a pro se party with advice in connection with the party's case. The Clinic may be able to assist the plaintiff with advice in connection with service of the summons and complaint. The Pro Se Law Clinic is run by a private organization called the City Bar Justice Center ("CBJC"); it is not part of, or run by, the Court (and, among other things, therefore cannot accept filings on behalf of the Court, which must still be made by any self-represented party through the Pro Se Intake Unit). Litigants in need of legal assistance should complete the CBJC's intake form to make an appointment. If a litigant has questions about the intake form or needs to highlight an urgent deadline already disclosed in the form, the clinic can be contacted by phone (212-382-4794) or email ([fedprosdny@nycbar.org](mailto:fedprosdny@nycbar.org)). In-person appointments in the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse in Manhattan and the Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and Courthouse in White Plains are available Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time.

Appointments are also available remotely Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time. The CBJC's flyer is enclosed.

The Clerk is directed to close ECF No. 11.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: New York, New York  
December 5, 2024**



John G. Koeltl

United States District Judge



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in the Southern District of New York (SDNY)



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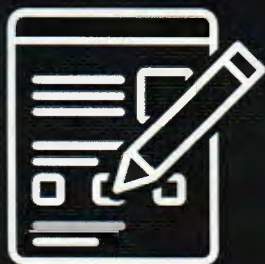


Assisting with the **settlement** process (including mediation)



**Reviewing drafted pleadings and** correspondence with the Court

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